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In national elections November 3 ERE strength in Northern Greece dropped sharply from 1961 high of 57.5 percent to 40.5 percent of vote. Caramanlis Party lost 1-2 seats in all but 3 (Emathia Pieria Halkidiki of 16 electoral districts in Macedonia and Thrace. As expected ERE retained plurality in area receiving slightly greater vote than Center Union (39 percent) EDA strength increased from 12.6 percent in 1961 to 14.6 percent while Progressive obtained 5 percent of vote uncounted military vote not expected to change totals appreciably.

As result following changes in Parliamentary seats expected ERE 38 (54 in last Parliament) CU 36 (17) EDA 7 (5) progressives zero or perhaps one (6).

Following well known persons or former deputies victors ERE Theodosiades, Yiokas, Makris, Martis, Manentis, Vasilikos, G. Papadopoulos, Caramanlis brother Achilleos, CU Bacatselos, Papaconstantinou (Kozani) Hadjiapostolou, Kastrinos (Drama) D. Papadopoulos EDA Passalides, Keltemlides, Efremides. Several who failed to win seat are Theologites, Zardinides, Aidonas, George Papageorghiou, EDA Tsarouhas, Garvielides. Twenty two deputies elected for first time and of 82 deputies from Northern Greece in last Parliament only 49 victorious.

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